

Application Serial No. 10/595,663
Amendment dated September 23, 2008
Reply to Office Action dated June 16, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2a, 2b and 2c. These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 2a, 2b and 2c replace the original sheets including Figs. 1, 2a, 2b and 2c. The drawings have been revised to include the missing lead lines and reference letter "A".

Enc. Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The drawings have been revised to include the missing lead lines and reference letter "A".

The specification has been revised to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner.

With regard to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, the sentence referred to on page 15 has been rewritten.

With regard to the question about changing the clutch between centripetal and centrifugal operation, the term "centripetal" means that the operating material is introduced from a radially outward position into the working chamber by proceeding in a direction toward the axis of the hydrodynamic component. This means that the operating material introduced through the supply channel 20 first, flows through chambers 19 and 30, is introduced into the working chamber 8 and leaves it through supply channel 66.

"Centrifugal" means that the direction of flow of the operating material in the supply means 20 and 66 is reversed so that the operating material flows from chamber 66 into working chamber 8, through chambers 30 and 19. This can be accomplished simply by changing where the fluid from source 41 enters and exits the system. Centripetal operation is the arrangement that is specifically depicted in the drawings.

It is submitted that the application meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

The rejection of the claims as anticipated by Föttinger '461 is respectfully traversed. It is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Claim 19 calls for a stationary or rotating housing surrounding at least one of the blade wheels and forming an adjoining chamber and further that the first adjusting device assigned to the engaging and disengaging clutch is positioned within the claimed adjoining chamber. The adjoining chamber forms the first operating material supply channel or space. This arrangement is absent from Föttinger '461.

Föttinger '461 discloses a starting unit with a hydrodynamic component having an automatic control which intensifies the increase of torque at the starting of the engine by automatically inserting or withdrawing supplementary rims 30' and 31'. On page 3, in the right column, lines 12-16, it is stated "The displacement is e.g. accomplished in the well-known way by the hydraulic pressure in the gear itself as illustrated and described in the

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inventor's patent 1,199,361." Furthermore, at line 22, it is stated that rims 30 and 30' operate in the same way. In the presently claimed invention, the second adjusting device is controlled by means of a control pressure.

Although it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, if the Examiner believes that further issues remain, it is requested that he telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1692.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

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